



City of Central Point NEWS FROM CITY HALL



Protecting Yourself Against Fraud and Scams

With the huge increase in fraud involving telephone and email scams, the Central Point Police Department is asking that you answer the following questions prior to sending any money via a bank transfer, Western Union, pre-paid Visa Cards or any other type of credit card that you load money onto.

1. Have you been told that you have won a prize, drawing, lottery or other type of sweepstakes?
2. Have you been told that you owe any government agency money?
3. Have you been told that the government has a "surplus" that they are sending to citizens?
4. Have you been told that a family member or loved one has either been arrested or in an accident in a foreign country?
5. Have you been contacted by a Collections Agency who advised that if you did not send an immediate payment that a warrant would be issued for your arrest?
6. Has someone representing themselves as any government or financial institution contacted you and said that it is urgent for you to send money immediately?

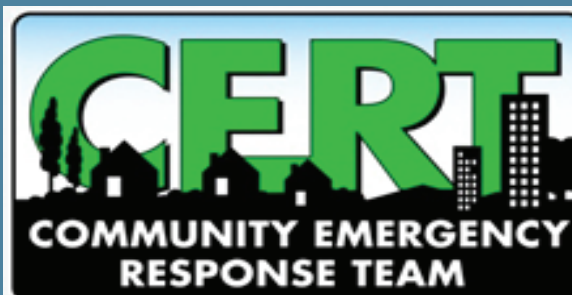
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CERT Basic Training

Do you want to become a Community Emergency Response Team member (CERT)? Would you like to be trained to provide help for your neighbors, and your community in the event of a disaster? Here is your chance for training. The CERT Basic Training in Central Point is scheduled for September 13th, 20th and 21st, 2014. All medical and fire classes are taught by trained Emergency Response members.

CERTs may participate in activities such as managing emergency shelters, evacuating residents during wild fires, re-routing traffic around accidents and monitoring and supporting firefighters during extended incidents. CERT Basic Training is held in Central Point once per year. Attendees must participate in 3 days of intensive, but relaxed training, with the last day consisting of activities of fire control and safety, extrication practice, sandbagging and urban search and rescue techniques. The class is free, but the training is invaluable! If you would like to join a local CERT, or simply want to learn how to survive a disaster in relative comfort and security while helping your community, you will want to take this Basic Training.

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Floodplans Can Provide Beneficial Functions



Floodplains are the land area adjacent to streams that are periodically inundated by flood waters. When unoccupied by structures, these areas function to provide many benefits to both society and nature, which is something that we don't hear a lot about.

Did you know that natural floodplains act like a sponge by soaking up excess water? It's true! Floodplain soils and vegetation adapt over time to provide this function, which helps reduce the extent of floods and their impacts. This single action also helps to filter, purify and cool the water as it recharges local groundwater supplies.

Diverse plants and wildlife near streams provide healthy riparian ecosystems that can be beautiful places to explore and enjoy. Riparian areas and changing stream dynamics help create habitat for fish and wildlife, as well. In fact, large steelhead have consistently been observed in Central Point streams.

Unfortunately, a floodplains natural function often conflicts with structures built in harms way, resulting in loss of beneficial functions. These conditions also often lead to other problems for local property owners, such as erosion and higher maintenance costs.

The good news is that there have been significant efforts undertaken to restore segments of Central Point's streams and floodplains and many more opportunities abound. If you live next to one of our seven streams, you can consider the following ways to get involved:

- Remove invasive species, such as blackberries that commonly cause obstructions to water flow during floods.
- Plant native trees, shrubs and ground covers to promote cooling shade and plant diversity.
- Remove litter and debris regularly to keep our water clean and free flowing.

City Manager's Note....

City to Unveil New Website

The City of Central Point will soon have a new website that utilizes current web technologies to more easily share information and "interact" with the public. The new website will make information easier to find while being much more visual through the use of video applications and photographs. The newly developed website will feature an interactive Parks page where users can locate parks based on park features. A Public Works Projects page will allow users to view details about city construction projects.

Additionally, the new website will provide more convenient utility billing options, web forms to interact with and provide feedback to city staff, and a consolidated documents center to simplify searches for specific documents & information. Beyond providing an improved experience for the public, the new site will utilize an advanced Content Management System streamlining city staff's time in updating content and making it easier to keep the site current and fresh with newsworthy information. We anticipate having the site online later this fall.

CERT continued.....

We should all be trained in emergency response these days. You just never know when the next emergency may happen and you could be the person to help. An important part of emergency training is to make sure you help yourself and family first, then help your neighbors, then help your community. All classes are taught by trained and devoted community members. Here is a check list of emergency supplies:

- Water: One week supply = minimum of one gallon per person per day.
- Food: One week supply = nonperishable and a can opener.
- First aid kit
- Flashlight and batteries
- Portable radio and cell phone, batteries and charger
- Prescriptions and a list of medications needed for each family member.
- Cash and documents = Emergency contact list, IDs, property deeds, insurance information.
- Bedding, clothing and sturdy shoes for all family members.
- Tools = Adjustable wrench, sturdy gloves, fire extinguisher and a whistle.
- Hand sanitizer, toilet paper, and plastic bags.

These are just a few of the supplies we should all have on hand in case of an emergency. We have had several fires this year, and there is always the chance that an earthquake could leave the valley without water or power. Please help yourself and your family be prepared for an emergency.

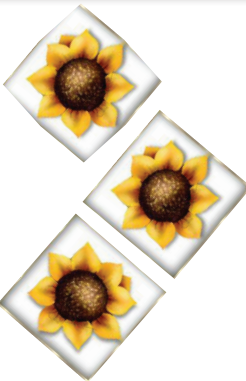
If you are interested in this training or want to learn more please contact Les Pierce at 541-821-0035 or Michele Brown-Riding at 541-846-1460. You can also go to the City of Central Point website at CentralPointOregon.gov CERT for more information. Below is a list of numbers you can add to your contacts. For City service numbers see the back of this newsletter.

Save the Date!

CERT Training

September 13th, 20th,
and 21st.

CentralPointOregon.gov/CERT



Emergency Information Contacts

Jackson County

Citizen Hotline: 541-776-7338

Police/Fire/Ambulance: 911

Hazardous Materials: 911

Road Department: 541-774-8184 (Business Hours)

Sheriff Department: 541-776-7208 (Business Hours)

National Weather Service: 541-773-1067 (Medford Office)

Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222

Avista: 1-800-227-9187

Pacific Power: 1-877-548-3768

Qwest: 1-800-573-1311

Red Cross: 541-779-3773 (24 hours)

ODOT Trip Check: 511



Central Point's Fall
CITY WIDE
YARD SALE

Saturday, September 13, 2014
from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Whether you want to find new treasures or sell your used ones, you won't want to miss this City Wide Sale in Central Point. If you will have a sale, don't miss the opportunity to list your address on our official list, which will be posted on the our website.

The deadline for listing your address is Monday, September 8 at 4:00 pm.
 Call (541) 664-3321, ext. 232 or 265 or visit our website to sign up!

NATURAL WEED KILLER

Did you know if you pour boiling water on the weeds that grow in the cracks of your driveway or side walk it is a natural way to kill them? Easy peasy no chemicals to worry about running into the storm drains.

Next time you boil water for cooking, instead of pouring it down the drain, pour it on those nasty weeds.

QUESTION:

How much water does the entire city use per day during the summer?

ANSWER:

We use 5.4 million gallons of water per day during the summer months! As a point of reference that is equivalent to 40 MILLION standard (1/2 liter size) water bottles.



BIKE SAFETY FAIR
 September 13, 2014 • 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
 at Central Point City Hall

Bring Your Bike
 Join us to learn the rules of the road, safe biking practices and basic bike maintenance.
 Don't forget your helmet!

REcreate! CENTRAL POINT

Police

Helmet Fittings
Safety Course
Goodie Bags
Bike Checks
Slow Races
Free Raffle Drawings

For more information call (541) 423-1978 or visit www.centralpointparks.org

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Scams Continued.....

7. Has someone representing themselves as a government or financial institution contacted you and asked for any personal information including your social security number or bank account information?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, this is almost guaranteed to be a fraud / scam. The Central Point Police Department is asking that you **NOT SEND ANY MONEY!** Once you send the money on a pre-paid card, it is impossible to get it back. We suggest that you contact a trusted family member or friend, or contact your local banker to check on the validity of the request. Remember, these fraud suspects are VERY convincing over the phone, they will tell you exactly what you want to hear. Please take an extra minute and discuss this with someone that you know and trust. If you ever have a question regarding a possible scam, please also contact the Central Point Police Department, we are here to help you.



Police Department Open House

Please join us on September 13th, 2014 from 10am-2pm at 155 South 2nd Street, Central Point.

The Police Department and Jackson County Fire District #3, welcome you to see exhibits, demonstrations and tours the whole family can enjoy.

The public will be given a rare inside look at what goes on at the Police Department. People of all ages can gain a better understanding of the extensive training and readiness of our police officers and firemen employees.



Dates to Remember

September

- 1 - Labor Day *
- 2 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 8 - Multicultural Committee (6 pm)
- 11 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 13 - Police Department Open House
- 13 - Bike Safety Fair (10 am - 1pm)
- 13 - City Wide Yard Sale
- 15 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 25 - City Council Meeting (Cancelled)

October

- 7 - Planning Commission (6 pm)
- 9 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 20 - Council Study Session (6 pm)
- 23 - City Council Meeting (7 pm)
- 31 - Halloween BOO!

* = City Hall Closed

Meetings are subject to change, please check our website for more information.



City Directory

City Manager
541-423-1026

Building Permits
541-423-1973

Code Enforcement
541-423-1034

Community Development
541-423-1973

Library (Central Point Branch)
541-664-3228

Police (Non Emergency)
541-664-5578

Parks and Recreation
541-664-3321 ext. 232

Public Works
541-423-1028

Public Works After Hours
1-800-726-6476

Utility Billing
541-664-3321 ext. 204

CALL 911
for Fire, Medical and
Police Emergencies

City Hall hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday – Friday. Feel free to drop in
with questions, pay a bill, or just say
“hello”.



CENTRAL POINT CEMETERY CLEANUPS CONTINUE

September 13, October 11, and November 8

The Friends and Families of the Central Point Cemetery, resumed their monthly community clean-up days at the Central Point Cemetery this summer. They have been at the cemetery the second Saturday each month and will continue through the month of November. If you would like to help please come on down we are sure they could use the extra hands.

They start work at 8:00 am and work until 12 noon. Volunteers are requested to park in the parking lot behind the cemetery grounds in Don Jones Memorial Park to keep the roadways open and also to protect their vehicles from any possible damage.

Volunteers are asked to bring gloves to wear, leaf rakes, pruners, gas operated blowers, weed eaters, lawn mowers, along with eye and ear protection. Also, if you have a truck that can be used to haul off debris that would be a big help. Donations are being sought to purchase small American flags and for removal of ivy.

Donations should be made out to Friends of the Central Point Cemetery and sent to P.O. Box 3760, Central Point, OR 97502. If you have questions or would like more information please call Dirk J. Siedlecki at 541-826-9939 or Kathy Hooper at 503-320-3800.



Contact Your **Council**

email: info@centralpointoregon.gov



Mayor
Hank Williams
541-994-0066



Council President
Bruce Dingler
541-324-1842



Ward II
Kelly Geiger
541-944-3102



Ward III
Ellie George
541-601-9582



Ward IV
Allen Broderick
541-951-7253



At-Large
David Douglas
541-601-5593



At-Large
Rick Samuelson
541-664-1878

If you are not sure who your representative is call 541-423-1026